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ANCHORAGE TERMINAL RADAR APPROACH CONTROL LETTER TO AIRMEN NO. 03-01

SUBJECT: VFR Aircraft Operations East of Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport

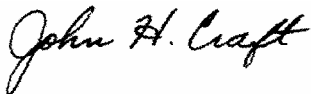
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On May 1, 2003, Runway 32 at Ted Stevens Anchorage International Airport will be closed for excavation and reconstruction. The runway is expected to remain closed until late September. During this time, ANC will be arriving and departing Runways 6R and 6L to the maximum extent practical. When required by wind or other factors, ANC may be forced to use Runways 24L and 24R for arriving aircraft.

During the Runway 32 closure, pilots of VFR aircraft should remain especially vigilant for aircraft departing Runway 6R/6L or arriving Runway 24L/24R and the potential hazards of wake turbulence generated by large aircraft. The Merrill Field and Lake Hood ATIS will contain information to alert pilots which runway is in use at ANC. Pilots are also advised to fly the routes published in the Anchorage Terminal Area Pilot Bulletin that pertain to operations east of ANC.

IFR aircraft arriving ANC Runway 24R/24L will be conducting a visual approach with no course or vertical guidance from instruments. The result is a random arrival track that will vary from pilot to pilot and between aircraft types. Anchorage Approach Control will make every effort to route IFR aircraft arriving ANC over or west of the New Seward Highway, however, this will not always be possible due to the random nature of a visual approach and other factors.

If you have a question or concern you wish to address, please contact us at (907) 271-2700.



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